



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD**
c/o DCRA – 1100 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024

CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

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CODE: Property Maintenance **SECTION NO.** 702.4 **SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO.** PMC-PropM-7-1-13
PROPOSING SUBCOMMITTEE: Prop Maint **CHAIR:** Englebert **PHONE:** 202-442-4385 **E-mail:** gary.Englebert@dc.gov
DATES OF PROPOSAL: 5-2-2012 **CCCCB PRESENTATION:** 7.3.12 **CCCCB APPROVAL:** 7.12.12

CHECK ONE ☒ *Revise section to read as follows:* ☐ *Delete section and substitute the following:*
 ☐ *Add new section to read as follows:* ☐ *Delete section without substitution.*

TYPE ALL TEXT IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT

~~**LINE THROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED**~~ (highlight text, under *Format*, click font and check strikethrough)

UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED

Use additional sheets of the form, if necessary.

Insert new text to 702.4 to the Property Maintenance Code to read to as follows:
See next page.

Anticipated impact of code change on cost of construction (CHECK ONE)

☐ *Increase* ☐ *Decrease* ☒ *Negligible* ☐ *Unknown*

Per 1,000 SF single-family dwelling to
Per 1,000SF of commercial building to

JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE:

Please reference one or more of the criteria required

- ☐ To address a critical life/safety, health, general welfare need.
☒ To address a specific District of Columbia policy or statute
☐ For consistency with federal, or with reference to the Metro DC area (MD, VA) codes
☐ Address a unique character issue in the District of Columbia
☐ Correction of errors and omissions
☒ Other (explain)

Currently in DCMR 14, this insertion is part of the incorporation of 2012 International Property Maintenance Code and DCMR 14



702.4 Emergency escape openings. Required emergency escape openings shall be maintained in accordance with the code in effect at the time of construction, and the following.

Required emergency escape and rescue openings shall be operational from the inside of the room without the use of keys or tools. Bars, grilles, grates or similar devices are permitted to be placed over emergency escape and rescue openings provided the minimum net clear opening size complies with the code that was in effect at the time of construction and such devices shall be releasable or removable from the inside without the use of a key, tool or force greater than that which is required for normal operation of the escape and rescue opening. It shall be the duty of the owner to keep fire escapes, stairways, and other egress facilities in a good state of repair, painted and free from obstruction.